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SUBJ: CIVAIR: WORLD AIRWAYS REFUGEE FLIGHT

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1. PER REFTEL INSTRUCTION TO RENDER ASSISTANCE EMBOFF TELEPHONED FONOFF (1ST N.A. DIV. MATSUOZAWA) REQUESTING GOJ COOPERATION IN AUTHORIZING USE OF CIVILIAN AIRPORT TO ERVICE TWO REFUGEE FLIGHTS OR YOKOTA AFB ON ONE-TIME HUMANITARIAN BASIS. MATSUOZAWA CHECKED WITH JCAB RE CIVILIAN AIRPORTS BUT THEY REFUSED AUTHORIZATION; MATSUOZAWA STATED WE WOULD HAVE TO PURSUE USE YAKOTA THROUGH DIFFERENT DIVISION; I.E. SECURITY DIV.

2. EMBOFF THEN CONTACTED SECURITY DIV. TO REQUEST GOJ APPROVAL USE YAKOTA ON ONE-TIME, EXTRAORDINARY HUMANITARIAN BASIS UNRELATED TO QUESTION OF SOFA STATUS WHICH WE DID NOT CLAIM FOR AIRCRAFT. SECURITY DIVISION, REASONING THAT WORLD AIRWAYS HAD NOT RPT NOT, ACCORDING TO MOT (JCAB), PREVIOUSLY FORMALLY APPLIED FOR USE OF ALL CIVILIAN AIRPORTS; E.G., FUKUOKA AND CHITOSE, WOULD NOT CONSIDER OUR REQUEST UNTIL JCAB HAD DENIED ALL CIVILIAN POSSIBILITIES.

3. ABOVE RELAYED WA REP CHARLES MILLER WHO DENIED JCAB STATEMENT APPLICATIONS FOR FUKUOKA AND CHITOSE NOT MADE. ACCORDING MILLER, FUKUOKA DISCUSSED (WHETHER INHOUSE OR WITH JCAB UNCLEAR) BUT RELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JECTED SINCE RUNWAYS THERE NOT LONG ENOUGH TO HANDLE DC-8 FUELED

FOR FLIGHT TO ANCHORAGE AND APPLICATION MADE FOR CHITOSE BUT REJECTED BY JCAB ON GROUNDS THERE NO IMMIGRATION AND QUARANTINE FACILITIES. ALTHOUGH WA REP COUNTERED NONE NEEDED AS ALL REFUGEES TO REMAIN ON BOARD AIRCRAFT DURING STOPOVER, USE CHITOSE STILL REFUSED.

4. IN VIEW SHORT TIME REMAINING, MILLER DECIDED NOT TO PURSUE MATTER WITH JCAB AUTHORITIES BUT TO WORK OUT ALTERNATIVE ROUTING.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE BELIEVE WA WAS GIVEN THE RUN AROUND BY THE GOJ (PARTICULARLY THE JCAB) ON THIS ISSUE. DURING VISIT TO FONOFF ON AUGUST 20 RE ANOTHER MATTER 1ST N.A. DIV. OFFICIAL STATED WAS TOKYO REP (INADA) HAD SPENT MOST OF PAST 10 DAYS TALKING TO JCAB OFFICIALS AT HANEDA, RATHER THAN THOSE AT MOT, SO PART OF CONFUSION RE USE OF OTHER CIVILIAN AIRPORTS MIGHT BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO WA. USE OF MILITARY AIRPORT WOULD HAVE RAISED PROBLEMS RE INTERPRETATION OF SOFA WHICH GOJ CLEARLY PREFERRED TO AVOID.
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